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First Inventor MICHAEL A. WACK

Title Dual Locking Plate and Associated Method

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Prior application information: Examiner Anuradha Ramana Group Art Unit: 3732

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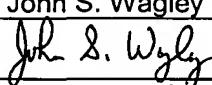
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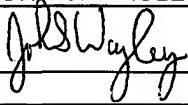
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